

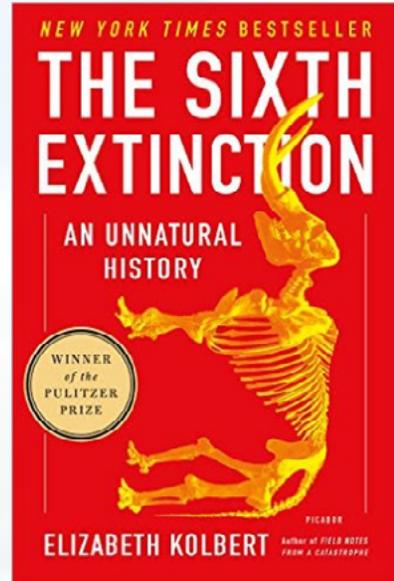


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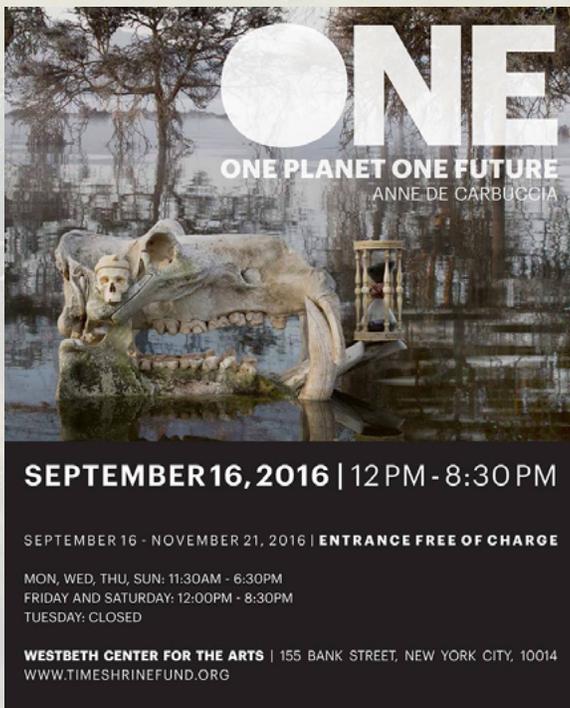
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## Upcoming Events

- October 18 Last day to register to vote!
- Undergraduate Research Mixer  
5:30pm-7:30pm  
Multi-Purpose Room at the College Avenue Student Center
- October 19 RUPA Scarlet Harvest  
3:00pm-6:00pm  
Douglass Wood Lawn
- October 26 The Sixth Extinction - Elizabeth Kolbert  
8:00pm  
Multi-Purpose Room at the College Avenue Student Center
- October 27 Haunted Highway Social  
4:00pm-7:00pm  
Douglass Student Center
- November 9 'You're the Expert' Live NPR Podcast Taping  
7:00pm  
George Street Playhouse



## Welcome to Fall 2016!

Hopefully you are all refreshed from our summer break, whether you spent it interning, studying abroad or just bumming around. Whatever you were doing, it was impossible to avoid the sad and surreal headlines that appeared on everyone's news feeds. I sincerely believe that as tragic as these events are, it is so important that we as a generation continue to remain as informed as possible, in spite of the desire to close our eyes to such senseless violence. So although we are now immersed in the semester and continue bearing our own individual loads, try not to forget to check in with how the rest of the world is doing once in awhile.

Regardless of your age, major, or political ideals, I think we are all feeling the heat from this presidential election (if not already from the hottest summer on record...). I know as well as anyone how confusing the nuances of our politics can be. They're not made easy to understand, to deter a widening audience with varied opinions. Don't be deterred. I encourage you to take the time to learn what the topics of discussion are and your perspective on them. Keep in mind that while it may be difficult to talk to someone who doesn't share the same opinions as you, it is the easiest way to spread ideas. The most important opinions can be those that differ from your own.

Last month I was able to meet a former congressman who stood against the popular ideals of his own party. His motivation was contagious, as it inspired me to write this message. I have the feeling that we as individuals need to be reminded that our voices matter, so this is it. Have an informed opinion, and voice it. Simply act instead of being still. We can make all the difference.

AKA GET OUT THERE AND VOTE PEOPLE!

Yours truly,

Emily Hunziker  
Editor

## CLIMATE CHANGE WARMING UP FOR THE 2016 ELECTION

by Ben Purzak

As the 2016 United States presidential race heads towards the final stretch, many Americans have mixed feelings on who they want to vote for. Some are voting for Clinton or Trump as firm backers of their political party, some are voting based off gender, some are voting based on immigration, and some are voting simply on who is the lesser of two evils in their eyes. One issue that seems to be left in the shadows is climate change. It has been told that this election is our last chance to right our wrongs in environmental policy and escalate our efforts to fight devastating climate catastrophe. That being said, what are our options as American citizens voting in the upcoming presidential election?

Let's start with the Republican nominee, Donald Trump. If you care deeply about environmental issues and the threat of climate change I suggest you do not vote for Donald Trump. Here are the reasons why:

- ☞ Donald Trump has tweets indicating he believes climate change is a hoax, citing China as the creator of climate change and even cold weather as evidence that man-made climate change is a hoax.
- ☞ He is for dismantling the EPA. He labels the EPA and its regulations harmful to the economy. "We'll be fine with the environment," Trump continued. "We can leave a little bit, but you can't destroy businesses."
- ☞ Trump is a huge supporter of fossil fuels and supports mass scale fracking. Trump cites studies from the Koch funded Institute for Energy Research, the Exxon funded Heritage Foundation, and the American Petroleum Institute.
- ☞ Trump's Energy Reform ideas from his campaign include saving the coal industry, removing the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, removing the Climate Action Plan, and the Waters of the U.S. rule.
- ☞ Trump's energy cabinet consists of fossil fuel backed advisors including oilman Harold Hamm and Jim Inhofe, the man made famous for bringing a snowball into congress to dispute climate change.

This is just a glimpse of what Trump believes about climate change and renewable energy. Now we will move onto Hillary Clinton and her thoughts about climate change and renewable energy. Hillary Clinton may not be the greenest advocate, but compared to Trump, she is a green prophet. She calls climate change "an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time." That right there should be enough for someone who votes with energy and climate as a consideration. Let's look at her track record and ideas:

- ☞ She has pledged to build on President Obama's plan to lower emissions by 17% below the 2005 level by 2020.
- ☞ During her time in the senate she received an 82%

score from the League of Conservation Voters and voted in favor of the Climate Security Act, which calls for contributions to limiting pollutants that contribute to climate change and incentivizes clean energy development.

- ☞ She wants to put the country on a path to cut emissions more than 80% by 2050.
- ☞ Clinton's campaign has nearly 100 advisors on climate, energy and the environment. A reassuring sign that she will continue what Obama started in tackling climate change.

She isn't without her faults though:

- ☞ She promoted fracking abroad while secretary of state
- ☞ She has supported offshore oil drilling. This was back in 2006, but who knows if she would be for it again
- ☞ According to the Guardian, she has stopped using the words "climate change" from most of her public addresses ever since Bernie Sanders dropped out, a concerning trend that makes you wonder if she truly cares about the danger of climate change or was just advocating it to stand with Bernie Sanders and his concern over climate change.
- ☞ She has no opinion about the Keystone XL project. This could mean she was for it, which is worrying to many environmentalists.

This is just a taste of the stark differences between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. I hope this gives some insight when voting comes around on November 8th.

### Passion Puddle Playlist!

by Megan Hunziker

1. 10,000 Emerald Pools - BORN5
2. Cross My Mind - A R I Z O N A
3. Ride - Twenty One Pilots
4. Radio - Sylvan Esso
5. Unsteady - X Ambassadors
6. This Girl - Kungs, Cookin' On 3 Burners
7. Crystals - Of Monsters and Men
8. High and Low - Empire of the Sun
9. My Type - Saint Motel
10. Ringo - Atmosphere
11. Aloha - Mome, Merryn Jeann
12. Closer - Chainsmokers
13. Welcome To Your Life - Grouplove
14. Make You Feel - Alina Baraz, Galimatias

**poem for a friend**  
by andrew cumming

frayed knot  
not enough  
i cannot deal  
with all this stuff

was once much stronger  
now it's frayed  
i can't believe  
i was betrayed

inconsiderate  
disconnected  
i don't know  
what he expected

won't cut the knot  
despite the lies  
just want him to  
apologize



## ENDANGERED SPECIES OF THE MONTH: SEA OTTERS

by Jessica Schoen

The scientific name for a sea otter is *Enhydra lutris*. They are part of the weasel family. Sea otters are found along the Pacific coast of the North America and Asia. Their average age is 23 years and they stand 4 feet tall. Sea otters are the smallest marine animal.

Sea otters give birth to one pup at four or five years old. Pregnancies, generally, last four to five months. The pups stay with their moms for about eight months. Moms keep the pups on their chests so they can float. This is depicted in the picture to the left. When the mothers aren't around, they wrap the pups in kelp so they can stay afloat because they would not be able to swim otherwise. At four weeks, they begin to learn to swim. Sea otters are very social creatures. Females and pups spend time together while the males spend time with other males. Clams are the usual diet for a sea otter. They use rocks to smash open the clams. When sea otters are hunting, they put their food in flaps under their armpits. In one day, a sea otter can eat 25%-30% of his or her body weight.

Their fur is the thickest of all mammals. It has two layers: an undercoat and longer guard hairs. In fact, in the early 20th century these creatures were hunted to near extinction because of it. Sea otter pelts were very valuable. In

the 20th century, there were only about 1,000 to 2,000 sea otters left. Since they are now protected, they have made a comeback. Now there are 100,000 to 150,000. Unfortunately, however, sea otters are very susceptible to oil spills. Their fur loses insulation in oil. This leads to a very cold otter and, ultimately, death unless someone intervenes. In 1989, when Exxon had its oil spill in Alaska, many sea otters died.

Fortunately, there are organizations out there that help these curious and cute sea creatures. One such organization is the World Wildlife Fund where you can "Adopt An Otter." The link for this is <https://gifts.worldwildlife.org/gift-center/gifts/species-adoptions/sea-otter.aspx>. Another organization is The Otter Project. Their main focus is the California sea otter.

You can get involved by going to <http://www.otterproject.org/get-involved/>.



Photo: Megan Hunziker

## RUTGERS' NEWEST ATTRACTION: 'THE YARD'

by Megan Hunziker

Anyone wondering what that patch of green behind the Scott Hall bus stop is? You're looking at Rutgers' newest local gathering space, coincidentally given the name, "The Yard". This new 25,000 square-foot space of greenery brings nothing but style and modernity, with an HD jumbo-tron streaming live sporting events, as well as movies every Wednesday night, to morning yoga classes on Sundays. The perimeter is filled with new (and good!) spots to grab a bite to eat, including honeygrow, Jersey Mike's, Surf Taco, Bella's Burger Shack, RU Hungry?, Scarlett Sweets, Krispy Pizza, and Starbucks, because who doesn't need more coffee? And, as if all of that wasn't enough, there also happens to be a 14-story apartment building atop it all. These apartments are currently housing over 400 students in single bedrooms, which also include elegant common areas with some spectacular views. Although still under some construction, Rutgers has truly outdone itself with this space. Be sure to take a pit stop there to check it out for yourself!

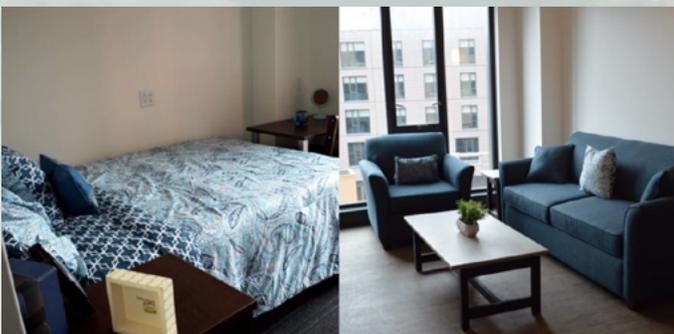


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## Honorable, RepublicEn, Bob Inglis

by Emily Hunziker

As editors of the Green Print, Ramya K and I were invited to have dinner with former Congressman Bob Inglis while he was here promoting his campaign last month. He was not campaigning an election however. Congressman Inglis has been working on a project since the end of his last term, one that might surprise you.

A republican from North Carolina, Congressman Inglis is travelling the country to talk about a new kind a republican, one that cares about the wellbeing of future generations from the perspective of modern science. His organization, RepublicEn, is a faction of the Republican Party who identify as "energy optimists, climate realists." They stand by the ideals of their party, placing value on free enterprise and a limited government, but also understand the importance of environmental stewardship.

To hear a republican politician speaking about climate change was a revolutionary experience. Climate change can be made more relatable, and profitable even, with the proper emphasis placed on the imminent changes our society needs to make. Prioritizing energy production at an individual level can easily persuade those who value personal liberties and independence from government agencies. Congressman Inglis faces an uphill battle with universally acclaimed ramifications.



*I haven't written in a while, so my attempt to produce something for this issue naturally turned into a self-conversation over the frustrations of getting the creative juices flowing. It seems fitting as a first piece for a new school year.*

## Eventually

by Connor Lamontagne

Should I really keep writing  
By this fluorescent lighting, nail biting,  
Fighting to stay awake?  
Yearning to be churning out passion and quick action  
But barely be matching a slow burning, for God's sake?

I know well the time, know the deadline  
Know when tomorrow's alarm will chime  
And though I know I could recline  
And reach a peace of mind so fine  
Instead I grind and toil and try  
To turn cutesy lines into something sublime  
For someone to pick up and give up their time  
To stick with the tricks but get sick of the rhyme

I ought to just quit, but what of this thread?  
I can't leave this loom and this poem for dead  
Well, not without hitting the nail on the head  
At least once or twice with something I've said

I guess I'll just keep on with writing for now  
And furrow my brow to fend off a frown  
To feel like a thinker, or maybe a clown  
Eventually something has got to work out

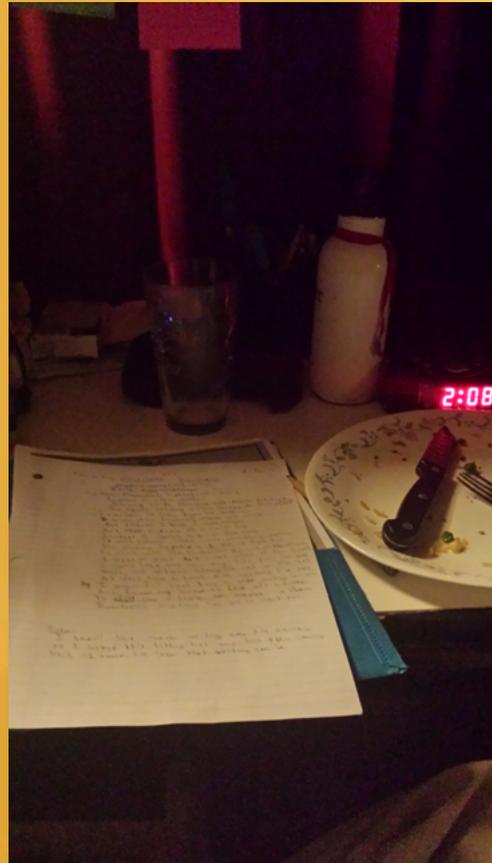


Photo: Connor Lamontagne



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## SUSTAINABLE DINING HALLS UNDERWAY!

by Tyler Lepucki

There's no doubt that every Rutgers student has passed by an overflowing garbage can on campus at least once. And what do they see? Stacks of plastic and styrofoam containers and disposable cups from late night takeout. Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA), a student-led activist organization, seeks to change this. Partnering up with Rutgers Dining Services a plan has been put into action that will, beginning on Livingston, require all drinks filled for takeout to be in reusable cups.

The details are still being worked out, but students will simply receive a reusable cup as part of their dining plan over the course of the semester. On each visit to pick up takeout, students will need to bring their cup if they're looking to get a drink along with the meal. But don't worry, these cups went through a series of tests in order to ensure they're portable, durable, and safe to put in the same bag as your homework, laptops, etc.

This is a very green move for the student body and Rutgers as a whole. If successful, the campaign will keep thousands of disposable cups out of our landfills. Though only beginning on Livingston, the ultimate goal is multi-campus coverage, with the reusable initiative hopefully spreading to takeout containers and maybe even one day utensils too.

## CHECK US OUT IN THE FUTURE

If history studies our past and social sciences study our present, what is the study of our future? Futurology is an interdisciplinary field that seeks to study and hypothesize the possible, probable, preferable, or the alternative future(s).

Future practitioners utilize a wide range of historical trends to offer evidence-based predictions employing numerous models and methods, many of which come from other academic disciplines, including economics, sociology, philosophy, geography, history, engineering, mathematics, psychology, technology, physics, biology, and astronomy.

If this interests you at all, the Futurology Club at Rutgers University meets at the Cook Student Center Merle V. Adams Room every Tuesday at 9 pm. For more information, you should check out their Facebook page.

*Ian Montgomery*

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